

ABSTRACT

An improved nesting box for migratory waterfowl, especially for wood ducks, made of durable white plastic in a sleek, smooth and round canister shape. This wood duck house with round contours and a tight fitting lid deters predators from entry as there are no edges or ridges for predators to grasp. The ingress and egress hole is of sufficient size to allow a wood duck in flight to easily alight into the inside nesting area. The ingress hole is of sufficient length from the bottom of the canister to be longer than the reach of any predator. The invention provides a mesh grid climbing ladder secured to the inside bottom and side of the canister for easy egress by the ducklings upon hatching. This wood duck house is not to be mounted on a tree. An additional improvement over the prior art is that this invention is mounted on a round plastic hollow pole and planted directly in the water of a wetlands area thereby allowing the ducklings to exit the canister and jump safely to the water below. The wide diameter of the pole makes it extremely difficult for predators to grasp and climb. The pole is sealed at both ends thus preventing water seepage and cracking from expanding ice when planted in a cold climate pond. The pole can also be planted in a shoreline area inside a second segment cylinder, of slightly larger diameter, and featuring inside stabilizing collars.